

## **News Release**

### **LOUISVILLE MAN CHARGED WITH INSURANCE FRAUD Filed claims for same vehicle damage with two insurers**

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 24, 2006) – A Louisville man has been ordered to pay over \$7,000 in restitution to Nationwide Insurance Co. following an investigation that uncovered a fraudulent claim.

According to Jefferson Circuit Court records, Damon C. Churchill, of Louisville, filed a claim with Safe Auto in June 2004 for damage to his 1993 Mercedes. A month later, he filed a \$7,174 claim with Nationwide for identical damages to the same vehicle.

In addition to paying restitution to the insurer, Churchill was ordered to pay \$2,411 to the Kentucky Office of Insurance (KOI) for expenses incurred by its Insurance Fraud Investigation Division. Churchill also was sentenced to five years in prison, probated for five years.

“We hope convictions such as this one continue to send the message that we are serious about fighting insurance fraud,” said Glenn Jennings, executive director of KOI.

The Office of Insurance is an agency of the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet.